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SUMMARY: RESPONDING TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA'S REMARKS DELIVERED AT A STATE DINNER IN HIS HONOR MARCH 28 (REFTEL), PODGORNYS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE SUCCESSFUL NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDED BETWEEN ZAMBIA AND THE USSR: PLEDGED CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE, AND DENIED ANY AGGRESSIVE SOVIET INTENT IN AFRICA AND ANY DESIRE FOR SELFISH ADVANTAGES (CONCESSIONS OR MILITARY BASES). END SUMMARY.

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FOLLOWING ARE THE PRINCIPAL POINTS OF INTEREST MADE IN HIS MARCH 28 ADDRESS:

----MEETINGS BETWEEN SOVIETS AND ZAMBIANS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTIVE AND USEFUL. NEGOTIATIONS HAVE ENDED SUCCESSFULLY AND FINAL DOCUMENTS COVERING NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN

SIGNED. PROSPECTS ARE GOOD FOR EXPANDING COOPERATION.

----VISIT TO ZAMBIA IS IN THE CONTEXT OF A CONTINUING POLICY DESIGNED TO FURTHER THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-ZAMBIAN FRIENDSHIP AND BASED ON ANTI-IMPERIALISM AND ANTI-COLONIALISM SOLIDARITY.

----CONSOLIDATING PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY CALLS FOR BOTH BIG AND SMALL COUNTRIES TO EXERT FIRM AND CONSISTENT PRESSURE. JOINT ACTION CAN LEAD TO RELAXATION OF TENSIONS AND TO THE TIME WHEN THE NON-USE OF FORCE WILL BE THE RULE AND THE "ARMS RACE WHIPPED UP BY IMPERIALISTS WOULD BE FINALLY STOPPED."

----ZAMBIA SITUATED IN THE FRONTLINE MAKES ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE STRUGGLE AGAINST RACISM UNDER DIFFICULT CONDITIONS. SOUTHERN AFRICA IS THE FOCUS OF WORLD PUBLIC OPINION AS A "DANGEROUS HOT BED OF INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS."

----SMITH AND VORSTER'S ALLEGATIONS THAT THE SOURCE OF TENSION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA SPRINGS FROM THE ARMED LIBERATION STRUGGLE IS FALSE. THE TRUE CAUSE OF TENSION IS THE CONTINUED EXISTENCE OF RACISM. TENSIONS CAN BE REMOVED BY REMOVING THE INITIAL CAUSE OF CONFLICT- THE INHUMAN RACIST MACHINERY".

----USSR IS ON THE SIDE OF THE JUST CAUSE OF THE OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA, AND THE USSR UNCLASSIFIED

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WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THEIR JUST AND LEGITIMATE DEMANDS. ASSISTANCE IS GIVEN IN FULL ACCORDANCE WITH UN RESOLUTION. IT IS UP TO THE AFRICANS THEMSELVES TO DETERMINE THE FORM AND METHOD OF THE STRUGGLE.

---"NO ONE IS TO DECIDE THE DESTINIES OF THESE PEOPLE BEHIND THEIR BACKS AND WITHOUT FULL PARTICIPATION OF THEIR GENUINE REPRESENTATIVES -- LIBERATION MOVEMENTS." BEST GUARANTEE FOR SAFETY FOR THE WHITE POPULATION WOULD BE TO DISASSOCIATE FROM RACIST.

----OPPONENTS OF DETENTE ARE ATTEMPTING TO LABEL SOVIET INTENTIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AS AGGRESSIVE AND SOMEHOW INFRINGING ON SOMEONE ELSE'S INTEREST. "THE IMPERIALIST REACTIONARIES DELIBERATELY CONFUSE THE NOTIONS PRESENTING THE SOVIET ASSISTANCE IN THIS STRUGGLE AS A KIND OF INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES IN AN ATTEMPT TO SCARE THE AFRICAN PEOPLES WITH COMMUNIST THREAT BALLYHO." THE PURPOSE OF SUCH ATTACKS IS TO

DEPRIVE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OF SOLID INTERNATIONAL
SUPPORT.

----WHILE COOPERATING WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE
SOVIET UNION DOES NOT SEEK FOR ITSELF ANY SELFISH AD-
VANTAGES NOR DOES IT SEEK CONCESSIONS OR MILITARY BASES.
IT DOES NOT IMPOSE ITSELF, IT RESPECTS THE RIGHT OF
EACH PEOPLE AND EACH COUNTRY TO CHOOSE ITS WAY OF
DEVELOPMENT.
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